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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takahiro TAMURA
PLASMA CLEANING METHOD AND PLACEMENT AREA PROTECTOR
USED IN THE METHOD
Assignee: **ANELVA CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q64222

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/374,112 (Confirmation No. Not Assigned) filed August 16, 1999, of Takahiro TAMURA entitled PLASMA CLEANING METHOD AND PLACEMENT AREA PROTECTOR USED IN THE METHOD.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, four (4) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1746.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/374,112 (Confirmation No. Not Assigned) filed August 16, 1999, which is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 08/654,873 filed May 29, 1996 (abandoned), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from May 30, 1995, based on Japanese Application No. 7-156977. The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 08/654,873.

Cancel claims: 1-11 and 17

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>7</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=		x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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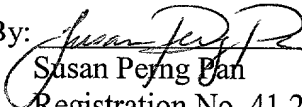
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A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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